

Table 3 Level of agreement with statements related to smoking and health and physicians' responsibilities as role models for their patients by medical students (n = 340)

Statement	% of students			Mean agreement score			Mean agreement score		
	Strongly agree	Agree	Other	Males	Females	P-value ^b	Smoker	Nonsmoker	P-value ^c
There should be a complete ban on the advertising of tobacco products	91.4	6.2	2.4	2.78	2.83	0.179	2.66	2.95	< 0.0001
The price of tobacco products should be increased sharply	90.9	7.1	2.0	2.78	2.78	0.944	2.62	2.94	< 0.0001
Health warnings on cigarette packages should be in big print	82.3	13.0	4.7	2.57	2.57	0.894	2.26	2.88	< 0.0001
Hospitals and health care centres should be smoke-free	71.3	19.5	9.2	2.45	2.54	0.248	2.27	2.72	< 0.0001
Patient's chances of quitting smoking are increased if a health professional advises him or her to quit	65.0	26.5	8.5	2.35	2.36	0.854	2.02	2.69	< 0.0001
Tobacco sales to children and adolescents should be banned	62.0	21.8	16.2	2.23	2.24	0.901	1.88	2.58	< 0.0001
Physicians who smoke are less likely to advise people to stop smoking	61.6	33.8	4.4	2.43	2.55	0.067	2.36	2.63	0.002
Physicians should routinely advise patients who smoke to avoid smoking around children	55.5	38.6	5.9	2.37	2.45	0.272	2.26	2.56	0.001
Passive smoking increases the risk of heart disease in nonsmoking adults	54.9	35.1	10.0	2.27	2.36	0.209	2.08	2.54	< 0.0001
Physicians should speak to lay groups about smoking	54.7	33.2	12.1	2.27	2.37	0.234	2.15	2.49	0.001
Physicians should routinely advise their smoking patients to quit smoking	54.6	37.8	7.7	2.40	2.42	0.647	2.31	2.51	0.031

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Physicians should set a good example by not smoking	40.6	37.1	22.3	2.09	2.21	0.190	2.09	2.21	0.302
Physicians should get specific training on cessation technique	28.0	39.2	32.7	1.84	1.94	0.224	1.77	2.01	0.037
Maternal smoking during pregnancy increases the risk of sudden infant death syndrome	21.1	43.3	35.6	1.81	1.91	0.230	1.87	1.85	0.869
Physicians should routinely ask patients about their smoking habits	17.3	46.5	36.2	1.67	1.86	0.018	1.68	1.85	0.101

^a3 = strongly agree, 2 = agree, 1 = other; ^bMeans adjusted for smoking; ^cMeans adjusted for sex.